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**Response and Amendment**

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The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2001. Applicants submit that the following amendments are proper and should be entered because the amendments place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Claims**

Please amend Claim 15 to read as follows:

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15. The electret of claim 14 wherein said spunbond fiber web comprises multicomponent fibers and wherein at least one of the components of said multicomponent fiber comprises said telomer.

**Remarks**

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action mailed December 4, 2001. Applicants respectfully submit that the present Response and Amendment is a reply to every ground of objection or rejection raised in the Office Action and places the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants' invention relates to electret materials that comprise a thermoplastic polymer and a miscible thermoplastic telomer. Applicants' invention also includes nonwoven webs, face masks, sterilization wraps, dust wipes and airfilter materials comprising such electret materials. The following remarks address the objections,